ment had been directed to look into these complaints. The investigation conducted by the management revealed that these complaints were without substance. The Kendriya Bhandar is known for selling quality goods at reasonable prices. It has three branch stores in the Gole Market area viz. at Peshwa Road, DIZ Area and at Kali Bari. No specific complaint about, the quality of pulses or about the behaviour of the sales staff have been received regarding these stores. It may also be pointed out that there is no shortage of essential commodities at these stores. The supply position and working of the stores is constantly monitored and corrective action taken where necessary.

[Translation]

Food Processing Industries Ministries in States

2125. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have asked the States to constitute a separate Ministry of Food Processing Industries so that the export of agriculture produce and processed fruits could be made from all the States;

(b) if so, the reaction of State Governments thereto; and

(c) the names of the States which have not constituted separate Ministry of Food Processing Industries so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries had, however, requested State Governments to form Nodal Agencies to coordinate all activities connected with the development of food processing sector in the States.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[English]

Production of Newsprint by National Newsprint and Paper Mills, Nepanagar

2126. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Newsprint and Paper Mills, Nepanagar has produced less newsprint in comparison to the last year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the production to meet the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Nepa Ltd. (formerly the National Newsprint and Paper Mills) produced 75,512 MT of newsprint during 1990-91 as against 51,575 MT in 1989-90.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Steps are on to further improve machine performance for better capacity utilisation.

[Translation]

Increase in storage capacity of essential commodities

2127. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the storage capacity of Essential Commodities for the public;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the storage capacity of wheat, rice, edible oil and sugar in the country, State-wise;

(d) the number of godowns constructed State-wise; during the last three years;